

INFORMATION SHEET FOR APPLICANTS

CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

The Citizens Clean Elections Act was approved by the voters at the November 1998 general election. The following summarizes the major provisions of the Act pertaining to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission.

CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION (CCEC) §16-955, §16-956

- ✂ Establishes the five member Citizens Clean Elections Commission (CCEC) with the following requirements for membership:
 - ✂ No more than two members may be members of the same political party.
 - ✂ No more than two members may be residents of the same county.
 - ✂ Members must have been continuously registered as a voter with the same political party or as an independent for the five years immediately preceding appointment.
 - ✂ Members may not have been appointed to, elected to or have run for any public office*, including precinct committeeman or served as an officer of a political party in this state within the five years preceding appointment.
 - ✂ Members may not have previously served as a member of the CCEC and may not seek or hold any other public office, serve as an officer of a political committee or employ or be employed as a lobbyist during their tenure on the CCEC or for three years thereafter.
- ✂ Requires an elected official to nominate candidates for the CCEC who are committed to enforcing the Act in an "...honest, independent and impartial fashion..." and who seek "...to uphold public confidence in the integrity of the electoral system."
- ✂ Authorizes the Governor to remove a CCEC member, with the consent of the Senate, for substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office, or violation of the Citizens Clean Elections Act.
- ✂ Authorizes CCEC members to receive compensation of \$230 per day for every day the CCEC meets and to be reimbursed for travel expenses.
- ✂ Authorizes the CCEC to elect a chair and appoint an executive director.
- ✂ Empowers the CCEC to adopt rules to carry out the purposes of the Act.
- ✂ Requires the CCEC to publish an annual report.
- ✂ Authorizes the CCEC to enforce the reporting and funding provisions of the Act.
- ✂ Directs the CCEC to sponsor debates among the candidates.

***All applicants should review the definition of "public office" on the next page before completing the application.**